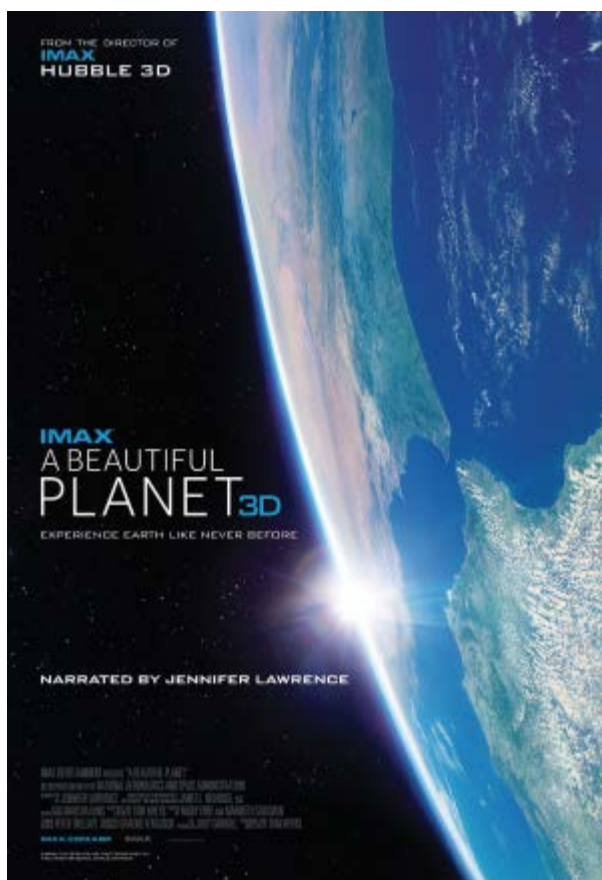




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A Beautiful Planet and National Parks



Two exquisite short films are currently at the IMAX Theater at the Science Museum near the L.A. Coliseum. A Beautiful Planet is an amazing voyage where several have gone before—into outer space. This film shows the day to day life of those astronauts who live for months at a time on the space station. The view from space is truly breathtaking. Viewing our planet and all of our activity day and night really gives a different perspective about who we are as a species. Nature and the forces of it are majestic and humbling. What you see is one planet with only one distinguishable border from space between India and Pakistan. The rest is all landscape. From that perspective, you can appreciate how very special Earth is to all of us. The 3-D effects make you feel that you are right there with them, looking out into the vastness of our universe. Take your children if you want them to appreciate Earth.



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The second film is on the National Parks and, in 3D, reveals an up-close and personal immense beauty that has been preserved for us. Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir were truly visionaries, bringing these sacred spaces into national awareness. It is a journey through the states and across miles of so many marvelous places that you just want to get in your car and head out toward all of them. Rock climbers pave the way up and across a variety of climates and conditions. Geysers and glaciers demonstrate the variety of places we have to enjoy and share with future generations. These films also remind us that we need to conserve and preserve if we are going to survive.

These films are a wonderful way to escape the 9 to 5 for a few hours. You will leave refreshed and rejuvenated like you have been on a little vacation.

The films are screened separately and run about 45 minutes each. There is a discount if you get tickets for both. There is a seniors discount. I highly recommend watching both, as they give two very different views of the world outside our everyday lives. The theater box office opens daily at 9:30. The first show is at 10:00. Skip the snacks though. They are not up to the usual theater fare.

I give *A Beautiful Planet* and *National Parks* five golden tickets.

